

CAFO/MAFO Due Dates

Category 1: CAFOs currently registered under the previous General Permit 96-AF must submit:

- Notice of Intent to comply with the General Permit (NOI); AND
- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) developed by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service no later than February 1, 2010 (within 60 days following the effective date of new General Permit)

Category 2: Existing AFO newly defined as a CAFO from Step 1, above, including poultry CAFOs with dry manure handling must submit an Notice of Intent AND Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan.

Note: If you operated an AFO that meets the criteria for Category 1 or 2 above that existed prior to February 27, 2009, State regulation required that you apply for coverage under the General Permit by February 27, 2009. If you have not yet submitted an application, you should apply for coverage as soon as possible.

Category 3: Existing AFO that is defined as a MAFO from Step 1, above, must submit:

- Notice of Intent no later than March 1, 2010 (90 days following the effective date of the General Permit). AFOs must also submit by December 1, 2011 either of the following (2 years following the effective date of the General Permit):
 - o Maryland Department of Agriculture Nutrient Management Plan AND a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan; OR
 - o Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan.

Category 4: An AFO that is newly designated as either a MAFO or CAFO by MDE, no later than 90 days after receiving written notice of the designation, must submit:

- MAFO:
 - Notice of Intent, Nutrient Management Plan AND a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan ; OR
 - Notice of Intent AND a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- CAFO:
 - Notice of Intent AND a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan.

Category 5: An existing AFO on December 1, 2009, that later expands to become a MAFO or CAFO, no later than 90 days after receiving written notice of the designation must submit:

- MAFO:
 - Notice of Intent, Nutrient Management Plan AND Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan OR
 - Notice of Intent AND Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- CAFO:
 - Notice of Intent AND Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan

Category 6: New CAFOs or MAFOs may not begin operation prior to receiving written notification from the MDE that the AFO is registered under the General Permit.

- New AFO meeting the criteria of a CAFO must apply for a General Permit within 180 days before beginning operation but can begin operation as soon as they are registered under the General Permit;
- New AFO meeting the criteria of a MAFO must apply at least 90 days before beginning operation but can begin operation as soon as they are registered under the General Permit;
- New sources must comply with the permit requirements for an approved Nutrient Management Plan and Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan as of the date of permit coverage

Category 7: AFOs that are not CAFOs or MAFOs that raise "chickens (other than laying hens) with dry manure handling" with a house capacity greater than 75,000 square feet, must send in a "Certification of Conformance" no later than December 1, 2012 (within 3 years of the effective date of the General Permit).